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SUBJ: NIOC/CONSORTIUM NEGOTIATIONS

1. NOIC HAS ASKED US WHETHER THERE IS ANY REASON THAT USG WOULD OBJECT TO A "NEW AGREEMENT" BETWEEN NIOC AND THE CONSORTIUM MEMBERS, AS OPPOSED TO A "REVISION OF THE 1973 PURCHASE AGREEMENT." QUESTION, AS WE UNDERSTAND IT, IS ONE OF FORM, NOT OF SUBSTANCE: THAT IS, GIVEN THAT CONTENT OF AGREEMENT WOULD BE SAME IN EITHER CASE, WOULD ONE OF THE ABOVE NAMES IN PRINCIPLE BE MORE OBJECT-IONABLE TO USG THAN THE OTHER?

2. WE HAVE TOLD NIOC THAT WE CAN SEE ABSOLUTELY NO DIFFERENCE IN PRINCIPLE AND NO REASON FOR USG TO OBJECT TO THE TITLE. BACKGROUND TO THIS IS THAT NIOC, APPARENTLY ON INSTRUCTIONS OF SHAH, INSISTS THAT IT IS NEGOTIATING "NEW AGREEMENT" WHILE MEMBERS INSIST THAT THEY ARE NEGOTIATING "REVISION OF THE OLD." MEMBERS HAVE SUGGESTED TO NIOC THAT ONE REASON FOR THEIR POSITION IS POTENTIAL USG OBJECTION TO THEIR SIGNING "NEW AGREEMENT."

3. WHILE THERE MUST BE MORE BEHIND THIS RATHER STRANGE QUESTION,  
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WE HAVE SO FAR BEEN UNABLE TO UNDERSTAND, EITHER FROM EMBERS' REP

OR TFROM NIOC, WHAT THIS "MORE" MAY BE. NIOC, HOWEVER, HAS ASKED  
US URGENTLY TO OBTAIN CLEAR ANSWER TO QUESTION OF PARA 1 ABOVE.  
WOULD APPRECIATE DEPRMENT'S GIVING US CLEAR AS POSSIBLE ANSWER  
ASAP. PLEASE REPLY NIACT IMMEDIATE.  
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